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1. The line between Justerbog and Ludwigsfelde, which should have been double-tracked by 15 January 1954, was first put into double-track service about the middle of February. This project had a high priority because of its importance to Soviet military installations in the area.
2. Work on the new line from Strausberg-Reichsbahnbahnhof to Strausberg-Stadt is proceeding slowly. Originally it was scheduled to be finished for passenger traffic by 1 May 1954; it is now hoped to have it completed for limited service by 1 June 1954.
3. The double-tracking of the line between Halle and Eisleben is completed. It should be put in regular service with the summer schedule change-over on 27 May 1954. Originally it was planned to have it ready for double-track use by 1 April 1954.
4. RBD-Dresden has been allotted 15 km of track for use in reconditioning yards and sidings. The rail was taken from the narrow-gauge line running from Gossdorf to Kohlmeuhle-Hohnstein, which was dismantled in 1952.
5. There is at present a new scrap iron collection drive on Reichsbahn properties. All remaining non-serviceable locomotives and cars beyond repair are to be cut up and sold for scrap. Proceeds from this action should be used for further double-tracking of Reichsbahn lines.

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8. During March and April numerous employees and officials of the Reichsbahn were arrested. In the offices of the Ministry alone, 12 persons were placed in custody. Some 150 ordinary employees in the eight operating divisions were also arrested, but 35 were reported to have been released. It is said that the action was undertaken on instructions from Deputy Minister Steiner.
9. The previously-mentioned change in use of indicator and transport numbers has not been put into effect as planned. 1/ Although the Soviet authorities had ordered that the system be revised, they were unwilling to accept the proposed plan of the Reichsbahn. A compromise scheme was adopted, and it is said that it will be tried out first on shipments routed through the two border points of Kuestrin and Forst.

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